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FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS AND TIMES COME THREE MIGHTY WARRIORS, EACH EMPOWERED BY AN ENCHANTED ASGARDIAN WEAPON WHICH GRANTS THE ASTONISHING ABILITIES OF THE LEGENDARY GOD OF THUNDER! TOGETHER, DARGO, BETA RAY BILL, AND ERIC MASTERSON JOIN TO FORM...

Stan Lee
presents

THE THOR CORPS!

**"Gather
CHAOS--!"**

UH... GUYS...
THERE'S NO
REAL NEED
FOR VIOLENCE!

MAYBE WE
CAN TALK
OUR WAY OUT
OF THIS
MESS!

IN A DESPERATE
ATTEMPT TO RESCUE
HIS MISSING WIFE,
THE VILLAINOUS
DEMONSTAFF
HAS REUNITED THE
THOR CORPS.

MERE MOMENTS
AGO, OUR HEROES
ARRIVED ON
ELSEWHEN, A
WORLD ON AN
ALTERNATE PATH
OF REALITY!

BUT THEN, EVEN
BEFORE THEY COULD
BEGIN THEIR SEARCH
FOR THE BEAUTIFUL
ELLENE, REALITY UN-
EXPECTEDLY TWISTED
AROUND THEM AND
NOW--

STAND FAST,
HAMMER-BROTHERS!
WE ARE UNDER
ATTACK!

LET'S
SCRAG THESE
SLACKERS,
BILL--AND PULL
A FAST
FADE!

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--THEY SUDDENLY FIND THEMSELVES ON A BATTLESHIP IN THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD!

THE YEAR IS 1942 AND THEIR FOES...THE LEGENDARY INVADERS!

WHO ARE THESE JOKERS, TORCH?

NO IDEA, TORO... BUT THEIR COSTUMES REMIND ME OF THAT NORDIC GOO WE ONCE BATTLED!

I'M CERTAIN THEY'RE HERE TO SABOTAGE THIS SHIP!

TORCH?! ONE FLAMING BEING CALLED THE OTHER TORCH! COULD THIS BE THE HUMAN TORCH OF LEGEND?

BUT THEN, WHERE ARE HIS ILLUSTRIOUS TEAMMATES--THE GRIMM, MISTER ELASTIC, AND THE INVISIBLE WITCH?!

COWARDLY CRETINS! YOU SHALL NOT ESCAPE THE VENGEANCE OF PRINCE NAMOR OF ATLANTIS.

BETA RAY BILL HAS BEEN CALLED MANY TAUNTING INSULTS, BUT COWARD--?! NEVER!

OH, NO! WHILE ATTEMPTING TO DODGE CAP'S SHIELD, I BUMBLED RIGHT INTO HIS YOUNG PARTNER'S ARMS!

POUR ON THE FLAME, TORO!

CAP AND BUCKY ALREADY HAVE THEIR MAN! LET'S NOT COME IN THIRD BEHIND THE SUB-MARINER!

--AND SUMMON A SUDDEN RAIN-STORM!

TORO, LOOK OUT--!

LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT! CAN I KEEP HIM?

PROBABLY NOT, LITTLE CHUM! THESE AGENTS OF THE MASTER RACE DON'T THRIVE WELL IN A FREE COUNTRY.

EVEN IF THESE ARE THE ILLUSTRIOUS HEROES OF THE PAST, I CAN'T LET THAT INHIBIT ME--NOT WHILE DEMONSTAFF STILL HOLDS MY SALLA HOSTAGE!

I MUST STRIKE MY ENCHANTED HAMMER ON THE GROUND--

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WHOA, CAP! THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO FIGHT! IT'S ME...ERIC!

NICE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE, ERIC... BUT I PREFER THAT NAZIS USE MY FULL NAME AND CALL ME CAPTAIN AMERICA!

THIS CLOWN ACTS LIKE HE KNOWS YOU, CAP

MAYBE SO, BUCKY... BUT I'VE NEVER LAID EYES ON HIM BEFORE!

WHAT WAS I THINKING? EVEN IF THIS IS MY CAP--AND NOT SOME ALTERNATE VERSION--WE'RE NOT SLATED TO MEET UP FOR ANOTHER FIFTY YEARS!

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AHHHH! WHILE THE TORCHES ARE PLAGUED BY THIS UNEXPECTED SHOWER--

--IT'S LIFE-GIVING WATER ALREADY RENEWS MY STRENGTH!

I GROW STRONGER!

STRONGER!

--YUNNGH!--

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FAR BEYOND THE EVER-
EVOLVING BORDERS OF
TIME AND SPACE, ON A
WORLD KNOWN AS
ELSEWHEN...

MAY THE **CURSES** OF
EVERY KNOWN REALITY FALL
UPON YOUR SHORTSIGHTED
SPOUSE, ELLENE!



NOT ONLY
HAS HE SENT
THESE INEFFECTUAL
PAWNS TO ALMOST
CERTAIN DEATH--

--BUT HE CONTINUES TO
DABBLE WITH FORCES FAR
BEYOND HIS CONTROL!

**TEMPER!
TEMPER!**

YOU REALLY
SHOULD LEARN
TO MIND YOUR
TONGUE,
**WARLORD
KARGUL!**

YOU
NEVER
KNOW WHO
MIGHT BE
LISTENING
IN!

**DEMON-
STAFF--!**

I JUST WANTED
TO WARN YOU
THAT REPORTS OF
MY MENTAL
DETERIORATION
ARE HARDLY
EXAGGERATED!

I AM, IN FACT,
SUFFICIENTLY
CRAZY TO COME
AFTER YOU...
AND MY BEAUTIFUL
ELLENE!



NOT EVEN A
MADMAN LIKE YOU
WOULD WILLINGLY RISK
COUNTLESS LIVES-- AND
THE **CHOSEN REALITIES**
THEMSELVES--IN A MAD
QUEST FOR **VENGEANCE!**



TRUST
ME, KARGUL!
I WILL MAKE A
TRUE BELIEVER
OUT OF YOU
YET!

**'NUFF
SAID!**



HA! HA! YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE EXPRESSION ON THAT BARBARIAN BUFFOON'S FACE WHEN I CAUSED HIS IMAGING POOL TO ERUPT!

PRECIOUS TIME WILL PASS BEFORE HE CAN REPAIR THE DAMAGE -- AND AGAIN PEER ACROSS THE MYRIAD DIMENSIONS!

PAY ATTENTION, MY DEAR SALLA! SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE NOTES!

I'D LIKE TO LEAVE SOMETHING TO POSTERITY -- EVEN IF IT'S ONLY A FEW WILD RAVINGS -- ON THE OFF CHANCE THERE IS A POSTERITY WHEN I'M FINISHED!



KARGUL FEARS THAT I CANNOT CONTROL THE POWER EMPLOYED BY MY STAFF--

--THE BARRIER FORCE-- WHICH ALLOWS ALTERNATE DIMENSIONS TO STAND SEPARATE FROM EACH OTHER!



ALAS, HE'S RIGHT... BUT I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF EVEN ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL IT!

I MERELY WISH TO UNLEASH IT!



ACROSS TOWN, IN A SHIELDED SUBBASEMENT OF ADCORE, A MAJOR PLAYER IN THE ADVERTISING GAME...

HALLAN GORKO, A FORMER EMPLOYEE, MUST BE NEUTRALIZED AT ANY COST!

DO NOT ALLOW THE FACT THAT HE IS RUNNING AROUND IN A RIDICULOUS COSTUME -- AND HAS ADOPTED THE LUDICROUS NAME OF DEMONSTAFF -- CAUSE YOU TO UNDERESTIMATE THE VERY REAL DANGER HE REPRESENTS!

THIS MAN HAS THE ABILITY TO UNDERMINE THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF REALITY AS WE KNOW IT!

WE UNDERSTAND, CITIZEN DUNBAR!

WE WILL NOT FAIL!

MEANWHILE...

YOU OKAY, BILL? SUBBY REALLY CLOCKED YOU!

I HAVE SUFFERED FAR WORSE!

MOST RECENTLY, AT THE HANDS OF THE MIGHTY THOR HIMSELF!

STAND FAST, MY FRIENDS! THIS BATTLE ONLY SERVES TO DELAY OUR TRUE MISSION!

I SHALL ATTEMPT TO OPEN A DIMENSIONAL PORTAL WHICH CAN RETURN US TO ELSEWHEN!

*SEE THOR # 46!
--MIKE

THERE--! I BELIEVE THAT MY ENCHANTED HAMMER SUCCESSFULLY DUPLICATED THE ENERGY PATTERN THAT TRANSPORTED US HERE!

HOWEVER, IF I AM MISTAKEN... WE COULD BE LOST IN ANOTHER ALTERNATE DIMENSION!

SWELL!

HOW DO WE CHOOSE WHO GOES FIRST?!

CAP! THEY'RE ESCAPING --!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

UNFORTUNATELY FOR ERIC MASTERSON, THE ANSWER TO HIS LAST QUESTION COMES IN THE FORM OF A HASTILY-THROWN SHIELD--!

PWANG!

UFFF!

ERIC WAS STANDING TOO NEAR THE PORTAL! HE IS BEING PROPELLED INTO THE GAP!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

MARK'S REMARKS

Back to school!

In the spirit of education, I'd like to use this space that Marvel so graciously allots me to impart to you a possibly valuable lesson or two involving economics. Let's do this in the form of question and answer.

What are my comics worth? Your comics are worth whatever you are willing to part with them for, or whatever someone is willing to pay for them. No more, no less. If a comic means a lot to you and no amount of cool cash will get you to part with it, it's worth a lot (to you). If you have a stack of "hot" issues you can't wait to unload on some poor slob and you don't have anyone interested in taking them off your hands, those comics aren't as "hot" as you think!

Do all comics go up in value? Not necessarily. Thanks to a wartime paper shortage in the 1940s which resulted in vast quantities of comics being recycled, old comics from the 40s tend to be scarce and so keep going up in value. But from the 1950s on there was never any such paper drive. Copies are out there. I know of several once-"hot" comics from the 70s that can be picked up for under a dollar. You can't count on any given comic appreciating in monetary value.

How can I predict what comics will be "hot" and go up in value? You can't. No one knows for sure. But a good rule of thumb is: small supply plus great demand equals increase in "value." Thus if you buy multiple copies of a supposedly "hot" issue number one with a print run of several million, you've invested in an issue with a great supply. If a lot of people did the same as you, in years to come there will be plenty of copies available and thus relatively small demand. Great supply plus small demand equals no increase in "value."

If the truth be known, I don't have a lot of sympathy for comic book investors. I don't write anything for investment, I write stories to read. But if you insist on trying to make money from your hobby (feel free to do so — it's a free country), at least get smart about it.

Mark
Mark Gruenwald

Summer is over, and it's time to head back to school and start heavy-hitting the books! Now, while your teachers may think you've just been vegging out all summer watching *Beavis and Butthead*, the truth is, you've actually been getting an education.

No, not from those two MTV metal-heads, but from the pages of your favorite Marvel Comics! Of course, the magic of Marvel is that we incorporate valuable life lessons into stories that may at first seem to be no more than mindless slugs!

Skeptical?

Well, pull out your number two pencils, Marveloids, and we'll enroll you in a crash course on some of the lessons that can be learned here at the Marvel Academy.

From AVENGERS: TERMINATRIX OBJECTIVE, we learn the difference between heroes of the sixties and those of the nineties. The main difference? In the sixties, only the girls had ponytails!

From Venom, we learn the importance of brushing and flossing after eating someone's brain!

From the Mighty Thor, we learn that temporary insanity is a good way to get out of a wedding proposal!

Ghost Rider, Hellstorm, and Deathlok teach us that there were other great things to come out of the seventies besides disco and bellbottoms!

From Iron Man, we learn that thanks to modern technology, you can overcome just about anything — a bad heart, alcoholism, paralysis, even death!

From Barbie, we learn that you don't have to be anatomically correct to have a rich and fulfilling life!

Pin-Head teaches us to check with your parents first before getting your face pierced!

From Ren & Stimpy, we learn the proper techniques of storing and preserving your nose goblins!

Daredevil teaches us that blind people can jump around on rooftops and swing from flagpoles just as well as sighted people.

From the Hulk, we learn not to stare directly into the sight of an exploding gamma bomb blast!

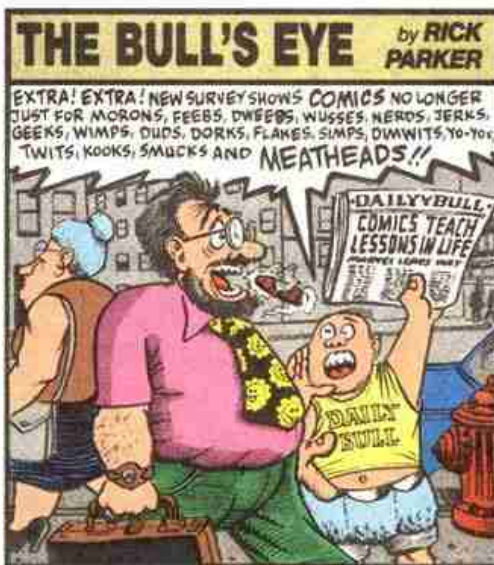
Captain America reminds us to take our vitamins — and make sure we supplement them with a dose of Vita-Rays every now and then!

Shang Chi, the Master of Kung Fu teaches that if you wear the same pair of pajamas for ten years straight, eventually you'll be kicked out of the Marvel Universe!

Finally, we have the **Amazing Spider-Man**, who

teaches us that if your aunt tries to fix you up with the girl next door, give it a shot. Who knows — you may just hit the jackpot!

That's all for this week! Till next time, remember the greatest lesson any comics fan can learn: With great purchasing power comes the great responsibility to buy only the world's greatest comics!



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HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- ☐ **ALIEN LEGION: BINARY DEEP #1:** Heavy hitters... in space!
- ☐ **AVENGERS #368:** Beginning the X-Men x-over!
- ☐ **BRATS BIZARRE #1 OF 4:** They hit pretty heavily... for kids!
- ☐ **CHILLER #1 OF 2:** Meet George Washington's demon!
- ☐ **CONAN #274:** The Night Cult!
- ☐ **CONAN SAGA #80:** Conan cleans up the Bloodstained God!
- ☐ **DEADPOOL #4 OF 4:** Slayback wants some payback!
- ☐ **DOOM 2099 #11:** Introducing Neon Angel!
- ☐ **DRAGON LINES: THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR #1 OF 2:** The Monkey King means business!
- ☐ **ECTOKID #3:** Guest-starring Cyrano

- ☐ **de Bergerac and Edgar Allan Poe!**
- ☐ **EXCALIBUR #71:** The X-Men guest star!
- ☐ **G. I. JOE #142:** Get ready for TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION 2!
- ☐ **INCREDIBLE HULK #411:** Showdown with SHIELD!
- ☐ **MARVEL AGE #130:** You'll Marvel at MARVELS!
- ☐ **MARVEL TALES #279:** Never play with Firelord!
- ☐ **MORBIUS #15:** Ghost Rider will spill Morby's blood!
- ☐ **PINHEAD/MARSHALL LAW: LAW IN HELL #1 OF 2:** Which one is the bigger pinhead?
- ☐ **PUNISHER #84:** Firstlight concludes!
- ☐ **REN & STIMPY TPB: RUNNING JOKE:** How did Spider-Man get in

- ☐ **here?**
- ☐ **SPIDER-MAN #40:** Electro wants to light up your life!
- ☐ **TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION 2 #1:** The 'bots are back! (Comes in two versions — foil cover and unenhanced)
- ☐ **WARLOCK AND INFINITY WATCH #22:** Mayhem on Monster Island!
- ☐ **WHAT IF #55:** The Avengers lose Galactic Storm!
- ☐ **WOLVERINE GN: KILLING #1:** Logan's love story!
- ☐ **WOLVERINE/PUNISHER: DAMAGING EVIDENCE #2 OF 3:** Big guns vs. big claws!
- ☐ **X-MEN #26:** The Avengers avenged!
- ☐ **X-MEN 2099 #2:** Future mutants beware!

MARVEL U.K. TITLES!

- ☐ **BLOODSEED #3 OF 4:** Hey kids! Sell Bloodseeds in your neighborhood!
- ☐ **CYBERSPACE 3000 #5:** With Galactus and the Silver Surfer!
- ☐ **DEATH 3 #3 OF 4:** The Hulk! Cable! Storm! The Thing!
- ☐ **DIE-CUT VS. G-FORCE #1 OF 2:** Intergalactic action!
- ☐ **DOCTOR WHO #203:** You don't need an appointment to see him!
- ☐ **GENE DOGS #2 OF 4:** No, it's not about Gene Colan's dogs!
- ☐ **SUPER SOLDIERS #8:** They'll never fade away!
- ☐ **DARK ANGEL #16:** Does Charlie know about this Angel?

AND, EVEN AS BETA RAY BILL'S WORDS ECHO BEHIND HIM, ERIC CROSSES INTO A TERRIFYING ALTERNATE WORLD OF THE NEAR FUTURE--

--THE WORLD OF MACHINE MAN 2020!

WHAT THE--?!

MORE IRONBOTS ARE CLOSING IN ON US, AND --SWIFT! BEHIND YOU!

THAT MAN SUDDENLY MATERIALIZED OUT OF THIN AIR!

THANKS FOR THE SCAN, MM... BUT MY CLIP IS ALREADY TARGETED!

BRAIN! SLICK! TAKE THE FLYERS! I'LL RACK THE NEW BO!

GO FOR IT, HASSLE!

THE NEWCOMER! ATTACK THE NEWCOMER!

WE MUST PREVENT HIM FROM AIDING THE MIDNIGHT WRECKERS.

HEY! CUT IT OUT! I'M NOT HERE TO HELP ANYONE!

I JUST WANT TO RETURN TO MY OWN WORLD... IN MY OWN TIME!

--SHEESH!-- EITHER THEY CAN'T HEAR ME OR THEY JUST DON'T CARE!

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ME THAT BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN EVERYBODY?

LUCKILY, I WAS TRAINED TO WEAVE AND DODGE BY CAPTAIN AMERICA HIMSELF... OR AT LEAST THE ONE FROM MY REALITY!

THESE LOSERS WILL HAVE TO AIM A LOT BETTER THAN THIS IF THEY WANT TO--YEOW!

YOU GOT YOUR
WISH, WRECKER!
ARNO STARK!
THE IRON MAN
OF 2020, CAN
AIM WITH THE
BEST OF THEM!



MATCH
IT?

MISTER, I
MAY NOT CUT THE
MOST HEROIC
FIGURE AROUND,
BUT I'LL TURN IN
MY AVENGERS
PRIORITY CARD
IF THIS HANOY-
LI'L MACE DOESN'T
TOP IT!



SURRENDER
WHILE YOU STILL
HAVE THAT OPTION!
YOU CAN'T HOPE
TO MATCH MY
ARMORED POWER!



HA! HA! DID YOU
SEE THE EXPRESSION ON
THAT CREEP'S METAL-
COVERED MUG WHEN
I-- YIKES!





RIGHT... AND I'M GUESSING THAT YOU THREE ARE RESPONSIBLE!

AN ARMORED WARRIOR!

ERIC, IS THIS THE ONE YOU BATTLED EARLIER?

NOPE! THAT'S A WHOLE NEW METAL-PLATED MANIAC!

DEFLECT HIS PLASMA BOLTS, MY FRIENDS... WHILE I AGAIN ATTEMPT TO PIERCE THE DIMENSIONAL FABRIC!

CHECK A COMPASS THIS TIME! I COULD DO WITHOUT ANOTHER WACKY DETOUR!

ANY SLACK CAN JAW ANOTHER'S WORK, ERIC!

FEW ARE CAPABLE OF DOING BETTER!

STAB MY EYES!

THEY'RE ESCAPING--!

RETURNING TO WHATEVER REALITY SPAWNED THEM!

THEY'RE GONE! THEIR RIFT HAS ALREADY FADED FROM SIGHT!

OOO! THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR GARB... THEIR MANNER OF SPEECH... WHICH REMINDS ME...

...OF THE GREAT HEROES IN GRANDFATHER NATHAN'S TALES OF ANCIENT EARTH!

IN ANOTHER TIME... HAUNTED BY A DUTY ALMOST TOO TERRIBLE TO BEAR... THIS YOUNG GUARDIAN WILL HIMSELF JOURNEY TO THE PLANET EARTH... AND BE KNOWN AS... FRANKLIN RICHARDS!

REALITY SHIFTS; TIME
PASSES, AND THEN...

GATHER YE
MOST FEARSOME
WEAPONS, MY
WARRIORS!

REALITY
IS CRUMBLING
AROUND US!

WE MUST FIND
THE ONE WHO
CALLS HIMSELF
DEMONSTAFF...
AND SEIZE THE
SOURCE OF HIS
POWER... BEFORE
FURTHER DAMAGE
CAN BE
DONE!

BILL
SCORED!
WE MADE IT
BACK TO
ELSEWHEN!

YEAH, BUT WHAT
ARE WE GOING TO
DO ABOUT THIS
ANGRY HORDE?

IF THIS DEMON
GUN IS STILL ON
EARTH,
THOUSANDS
OF INNOCENT
PEOPLE WILL
BE EN-
DANGERED!

WE'RE
ON THE
VERGE OF
INTER-
DIMEN-
SIONAL
WAR!

DARGO!
ERIC! I HAVE
LOCATED THE
WOMAN WE
SEEK!

I HAVE
FOUND
ELLENE!

IF ONLY SHE CAN
BE RETURNED TO HER
HUSBAND IN TIME...WE
COULD SCRAG
THIS BUZZ!

AND IF
NOT... WHAT OF
MY SALLA...
AND ERIC'S KEVIN?!

OTHERWISE,
IT'S THE KIDS
FOR MY SALLA...
AND ERIC'S KEVIN!

MEANTIME, BACK
ON EARTH...

EVEN IF MY
SANITATION
SQUAD
MANAGES TO
NEUTRALIZE
GORKO, MY
CAREER IS
RUINED!

THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS WILL
NEVER FORGIVE ME
FOR FUNDING
THAT LUNATIC'S
EXPERIMENTS!

THOSE SENILE
OLD FOOLS LACK
THE NECESSARY
VISION TO
APPRECIATE MY
TRUE GENIUS!

OTHER ADVERTISING
AGENCIES MERELY
EXPLOIT THE PUBLIC'S
FANTASIES... BUT
ADCORE WOULD
HAVE MANIPULATED
REALITY
ITSELF!

YOUR PLAN WAS
SIMPLY MARVELOUS,
MR. DUNBAR!

IT REALLY
IS A PITY THAT
I ACCIDENTALLY
STUMBLED
UPON IT!

GORKO--!

NOW, NOW, MR. DUNBAR...
WE'VE ALREADY BEEN THROUGH
ALL THAT... AND A GOOD CHIEF
OPERATING OFFICER
LISTENS TO HIS
EMPLOYEES!

HALLAN
GORKO IS
DEAD! YOU
KILLED ME!

HOWEVER,
THOUGH I FOUND
THE EXPERIENCE
QUITE UNPLEASANT,
I HARBOR NO MALICE...
I BEAR NO GRUDGE!

IN FACT,
I HAVE A
LITTLE TREAT
IN
STORE FOR YOU!

AND, IN A PALATIAL SITTING ROOM ON ELSEWHEN...

I TRUST YOU WILL FIND THESE SWEETS TO YOUR LIKING, MILADY!

THANK YOU, SHARI. YOUR KINDNESS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, BUT WHAT I DESIRE MOST...IS PRIVACY!

WHY CAN'T THE GUARDS WAIT OUTSIDE?

SURELY KARGUL DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT EVEN HALLAN WOULD DARE TO -WAIT!

THEY MERELY OBEY THE ORDERS OF THEIR MIGHTY WARLORD!

WHAT IS CAUSING THOSE TREMORS?

THE OUTER HALLWAY IS ABLAZE WITH THE SOUNDS OF FURIOUS BATTLE!

STAND READY! IT'S OBVIOUSLY HEADED THIS WAY!

SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE STARTLED EYES OF ELLENE GORKO'S GUARDS, THREE ENCHANTED WEAPONS INSTANTLY REDUCE THE CHAMBER WALLS TO TINY SHARDS!

HAMMERS HIGH, AMIGOS!

I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION YOUR WEAPON WAS A MACE, MY FRIEND!

PICKY! PICKY!





STRIKE,
MY SISTERS!
STRIKE IN
DEFENSE OF
OUR BELOVED
ELLENE!

WE WILL
ALLOW NO
HARM TO
BEFALL HER,
SISTER
SHARI!



BEWARE,
ERIC! THOSE
SERVANTS SEEK TO
DESTROY US WITH
DEADLY MYSTICAL
ENERGIES!

THIS IS GETTING
NUTTIER BY THE
MOMENT! IF I DIDN'T
KNOW BETTER, I'D
THINK WE ACCIDENTALLY
STUMBLED INTO ONE
OF MY KID'S CRAZY
COMIC BOOKS!

BUT
WHY DID
THAT WOMAN
BLAST DARGO?
DOESN'T SHE
REALIZE THAT
WE'RE ONLY HERE
TO HELP HER?!

WHY
IS SHE
FLEEING
US?!



HAVEN'T YOU
YET GUESSED
THE TRUTH?!

I WAS NO
PRISONER!
I AM MERELY A
FUGITIVE... A
RUNAWAY
SEEKING
SANCTUARY...
FROM HALLAN
GORKO!

MY CUNNING
HUSBAND HAS
NO INTENTION OF
LIBERATING
ME!

HIS SOLE
DESIRE IS TO
SEE ME
DEAD!

AUGUST 1,
2593, A.D.

SECOND SHIFT
HAS JUST BEGUN
IN NORTH
AMERICAN
URBAN CENTER
5.

THE STREETS ARE
RELATIVELY
EMPTY... WITH
BARELY A FEW
HUNDRED THOUSAND
CITIZENS MILLING
ABOUT.



THESE ARE THE SLACKERS OF
SOCIETY. THOSE WHO, FOR
REASONS OF HEALTH, ABILITY, OR
ATTITUDE, SERVE NO CORPS.

JOBLESS, THEY WANDER AIMLESSLY... SEARCHING FOR SOME-
THING... ANYTHING... TO FILL THEIR DREARY LIVES.

TODAY, TO THEIR
UNRELENTING
HORROR, THEIR
WISH IS GRANTED!

A GAPING
HOLE
SUDDENLY
APPEARED
IN THE AIR!

RUN!
SOMETHING'S
COMING!

SOMETHING
TERRIBLE!



ONWARD, MY
DEMON BROTHERS!
ONWARD FOR
HONOR! FOR
GLORY!

FOR THE
UNIVERSE
ENTIRE!

HARM NOT THESE
PITIFUL WRETCHES
BEFORE US! ONLY
ONE IS WORTHY
OF OUR
FURY!

THE ONE WHO
WOULD END
ALL
REALITY!



AT THAT PRECISE
INSTANT, IN THE
PUTRID SEWERS
BELOW--

--WEAPONS AT THE READY, CITIZEN
DUMBAR'S SANITATION SQUAD
IS GIVEN SUDDEN PAUSE!

SOUNDS
LIKE A
RIOT UP
THERE!

GOOD!
MORE WORK
FOR US!

I COULD USE
THE OVERTIME!
MY WIFE'S BEEN
SKRAGGING ME
FOR A NEW FOOD
SYNTHESIZER!

LOWER
THE VOLUME,
PEOPLE... AND PAY
ATTENTION TO
THE JOB AT HAND!

ADCORE IS A MAJOR
CLIENT OF SANICORP!
WE'RE ALL ON LINE
FOR A SIGNIFICANT
COMPLETION BONUS!

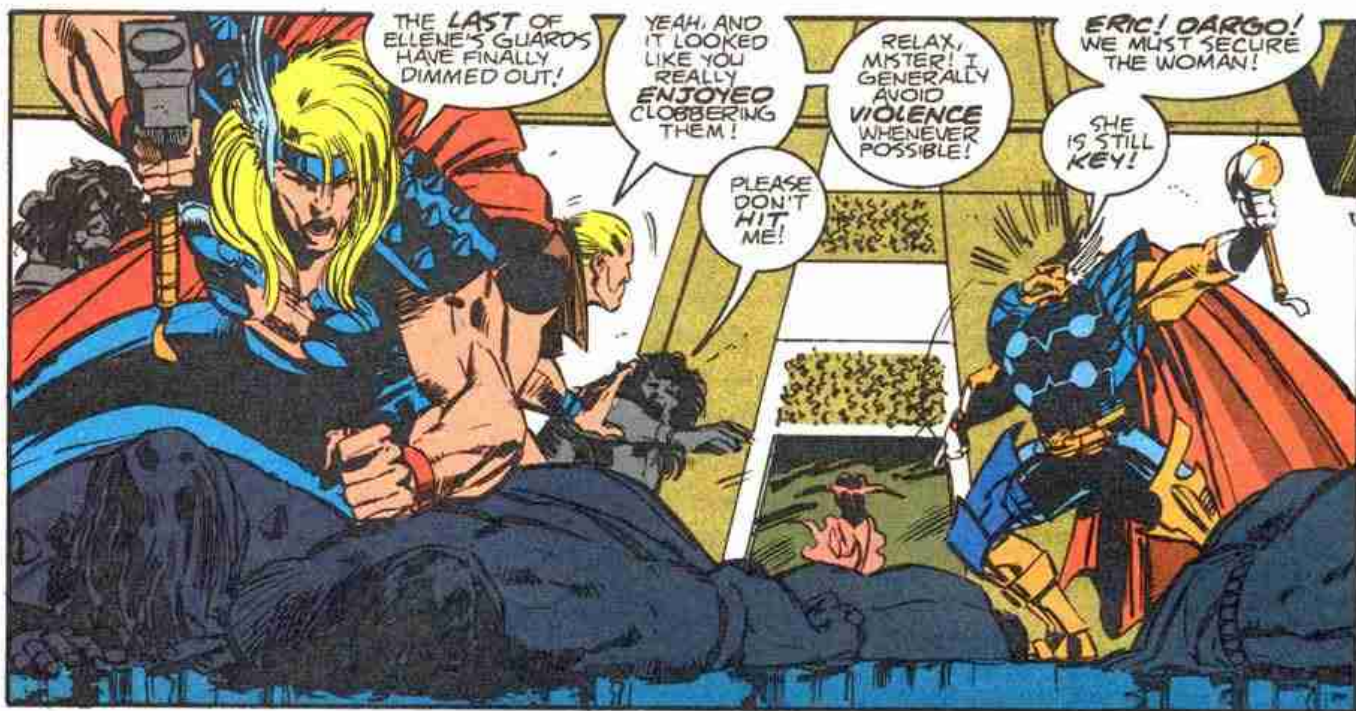
ACCORDING TO THE
BIO-TRACER, OUR
TARGET IS WITHIN
SPITTING
DISTANCE!

STAY SHARP!
THERE CAN BE NO
MISTAKES!

--UNNNN--

WH-WHAT'S
CAUSING THAT DULL
POUNDING?
IS IT MY HEAD
OR--





THE HUMAN ASSASSINS ARE FLEEING INTO THE TUNNELS! MY DEVILISH HORDE HAS DRIVEN THEM OFF!

DEMONSTAFF LIES DEAD AT MY FEET... BUT... WHERE IS HIS ACCURSED WEAPON?

THE STAFF WHICH IS THE SOURCE OF BOTH HIS RIDICULOUS NAME AND HIS STAGGERING POWER!

THE DIMENSIONIZER WHICH HE INVENTED --AND PLACED WITHIN HIS STAFF-- HAS BEEN SIPHONING VAST POWER FROM THE BARRIER FORCE!

THIS MAN IS NOT HALLAN GORKO!

UNCHECKED, HE WOULD HAVE EVENTUALLY WEAKENED THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIERS BEYOND REPAIR AND -- WAIT!



IT MUST BE QUITE STRESSFUL TO RIDE HERD ON THIS UNRULY BARBARIAN RABBLE!



THE POOR SECURITY DRONES CERTAINLY HAVE THEIR CIRCUITS FULL!



OF COURSE I AM, MY DEAR! ONLY A TRUE CRAZOID WOULD DISGUISE HIMSELF IN A BRIGHTLY-COLORED COSTUME AND SEEK A TOTAL BREAKDOWN IN PHYSICAL REALITY!

BUT... WHY? WHY?

SADLY, THE ANSWER IS RATHER MUNDANE!

MY ENTIRE WORLD WAS DESTROYED WHEN MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE BETRAYED ME!

SHE WAS THE CENTER OF LIFE... AND YET SHE CONSPIRED WITH DUNBAR TO DESTROY ME... AND STEAL MY WORK!



IF I CAN'T BE HAPPY... WHY SHOULD ANYONE ELSE?!

THINK OF THE BIG BANG WE'LL HAVE WHEN ALL OF THE ALTERNATE DIMENSIONS COLLAPSE UPON EACH OTHER!

WON'T THAT BE FUN?!

NEXT ISSUE!
REALITY GOES TOTAL
WACKO AS--



--DARGO KTOR
MEETS UP WITH
THE SPIDER-MAN
OF 2099--



--BETA RAY BILL
IS CONFRONTED BY
THE GUARDIANS
OF THE GALAXY--



--AND ERIC
MASTERSON
SADDLES UP WITH
KID COLT, THE
RAWHIDE KID,
AND THE TWO-
GUN KID!



PLUS! WE'LL HAVE A FEW
SURPRISE GUEST-
STARS... INCLUDING A
CERTAIN GOLDEN-HAired
ASGARDIAN! DON'T MISS...

**"RAVAGED BY
REALITY!"**